

HARGROVE, SMELLEY & STRICKLAND

JOSEPH L. HARGROVE, JR.
DAVID L. SMELLEY
PAUL A. STRICKLAND
GLENN L. LANGLEY
JASON C. FALUDI

OF COUNSEL
WILLIAM G. CONLY

(A PROFESSIONAL LAW CORPORATION)
AMERICAN TOWER, SUITE 600
401 MARKET STREET
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71101-3239

THOMAS J. WYATT (1942-1996)

MAILING ADDRESS
POST OFFICE BOX 59
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA 71161-0059
TELEPHONE (318) 429-7200
TELECOPIER (318) 429-7201

August 24, 2004

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, DOYLINE FIELD,
Webster Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Doyline Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana:

1. To permit Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well for HOSS RA SUA at the location shown on the attached plat.
2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS RA SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on this unit.
3. To permit the operator of HOSS RA SUA to produce the allowable assigned to the unit from either the unit well, the alternate unit well, or from a combination of such wells, at the option of the operator.
4. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Doyline Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1468-C, effective August 5, 2003.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 9141 Interline Avenue, Suite 3A, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party. Any questions related to the location of the proposed well should be directed to Mr. John Mahan at J-W Operating Company (972) 233-8191.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

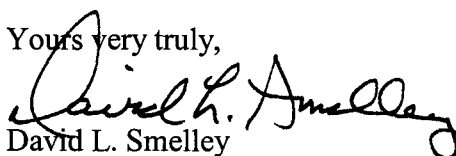
Honorable James H. Welsh
August 24, 2004
Page 2

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Doyline Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose a check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for J-W Operating Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jerry Wooten (w/encls.)
Mr. John Mahan (w/encls.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

